

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IS FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

*Indian River County Health Department Offering Free Testing for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on February 9th 2013*

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FL** – For almost 13 years now, **February 7 has been designated as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD)**. NBHAAD is a national HIV testing and treatment community mobilization initiative designed to encourage Blacks across the United States and Territorial Areas to **get educated, get tested, get treated, and get involved** with HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate Black communities. Currently, NBHAAD is directed, planned and organized by Healthy Black Communities, Inc., an international community based organization focused on health education and disease prevention, that works with local, regional and national stakeholders to mobilize communities and address specific issues in regards to local epidemics and best practices that will influence the course of HIV in Black communities across the country. **Healthy Black Communities, Inc.’s** CEO LaMont “Montee” Evans serves as the **NBHAAD 2013 National Coordinator** and is responsible for coordinating communications, material development and dissemination, and brand maintenance.

For 2013, we are mobilizing individuals more so to serve as ambassadors in their respective communities and be the voice and face for education, testing, involvement, and leadership. The theme for 2013: ***Our ancestors fought that we might be free – even from HIV!*** with the intentions to ensure that Black People connect the past with the present and begin to take better care of one another. We are asking Black community stakeholders concerned about HIV/AIDS in their community to become the voice for change.

**National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2013: Get educated! Get tested! Get involved! Get treated!** For more information on **National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**, log onto [www.blackaidsday.org](http://www.blackaidsday.org) or Like the Official Facebook Group Page.

Indian River County Health Department will be supporting National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2013 by hosting two events on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Gifford Youth Activity Center, 4875 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Vero Beach Florida from 800AM-100PM. Our local National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day will be going on at the same time and location as Indian River County Body & Soul Wellness Program’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Healthy Lifestyle Workshop. FREE breakfast and lunch will be provided. Come out and get tested for FREE and receive a \$10 gift card.

**Get Educated! Get Tested! Get Involved! Get Treated!**

For more information about the event contact John May at 772-794-7477 or 772-633-4724.

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